

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

**--Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to an apparatus for depositing a sheet on a stack, preferably for a delivery unit of a printing machine, which apparatus comprises at least one stacking device which can be driven so as to rotate about an axis of rotation in order to grasp and deposit the sheet, and which said apparatus comprises at least one drag element which is arranged on the stacking device and is dragged along during rotation, said drag element being provided for shifting the last-deposited sheet, specifically for pulling said sheet toward a stack abutment.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

**--Background of the Invention**

Devices of this type have been known from US Patents 5,068,880 and 5,194,558. In these documents, these devices feature a type of "wiper flap" designed to sweep the sheet that was last deposited on a stack to a stack edge. These wiper flaps are arranged on the rotating stacking device and, during the rotation of said stacking device, the respective wiper flap impinges on the last deposited sheet, thus pulling said sheet against the stack edge before the next sheet is deposited.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

**--Summary of the Invention**

Therefore, ~~an object of~~ the present invention is to solve the problem of making the operation of aligning the deposited sheets more reliable and more precise.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

### **–Brief Description of the Drawings**

An example of embodiment of the inventive device, which may result in additional inventive features and which does not restrict the scope of the present invention, is shown with reference to drawings. They show:--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

### **–Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments**

Fig. 1 is a side elevation indicating a stacking device which can be driven so as to rotate in the direction of arrows 5. This stacking device is located at the end of a transport path 8 on which sheets move in transport direction 10 into the stacking member in order to be deposited on a stack 11. The leading edge of each sheet arriving at the end of transport path 8 is fed by means of transport rollers 9 into an input means of the stacking device. To do so, a threading section 3, with a loading bridge that can be pivoted in the direction of arrow 2, is provided. The sheet, which has been fed into an upper position of the stacking member in this manner is transported and flipped by the rotation of the stacking member by approximately 180 degrees into a lower position, and is deposited there on stack 11. This is achieved in that the stacking member rotates through a stack bar 12 which retains the sheet so as to release it from the stacking member and allow it to drop on stack 11. In so doing, the sheet drops by a height difference as indicated by reference number 6 in Fig. 1, which, for example, may be on the order of 15 mm. As a result of this, the sheet may potentially not be aligned precisely enough with stack bar 12. Therefore, drag elements 1 pull the sheet neatly against stack bar 12 before the subsequent sheet is deposited. These drag elements 1 are mounted to the outside of the stacking device. During rotation of the stacking device, the free ends of drag elements 1, which project from the exterior side of the stacking device, describe an outermost arc of a circle 7 as indicated in a chain line. As can easily be seen, this arc of a circle bisects the lower level of height difference 6 (also indicated in a chain line), which means that drag elements 1 bridge this height difference 6 in order to be able to pull the sheet last deposited on stack 11 toward stack bar 12.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 9, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The present invention relate to an~~ An apparatus for depositing a sheet on a stack, preferably for a delivery unit of a printing machine, which ~~said~~ apparatus ~~comprising~~ includes a stacking device which can be driven so as to rotate about an axis of rotation in order to grasp and deposit the sheet, ~~and comprises,~~ At least one drag element, which is arranged located on the radial exterior side of the stacking device. The at least one drag element is arranged on the stacking device and carried ~~along during rotation~~ with the stacking device during rotation, whereby the at least one drag element is provided for shifting the deposited sheets and for pulling the sheet toward a stack abutment.

~~The present invention is to solve the problem of making the operation of aligning the last deposited sheet more reliable and precise.~~

~~In accordance with the invention, this problem has been solved in that at least one drag element is arranged, relative to the axis of rotation, on the radial exterior side of the at least one stacking member.~~